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Title: CONICALLY SHAPED AIR-OIL SEPARATOR

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of the foreign patent document and "Other Documents" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

For the Examiner's convenience, the facts regarding these cited documents are summarized:

PCT Publication WO 99/47211 (filed March 16, 1999 and published September 23, 1999) claims priority to U.S. Provisional applications 60/078,193 (filed March 16, 1998); 60/087,425 (filed June 1, 1998); and 60/088,749 (filed June 10, 1998).

The currently pending application, U.S. Serial No. 10/608,952, claims priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/04392 filed on March 1, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application 60/076,397 (filed February 28, 1998). Applicants acknowledge that the PCT application includes some disclosure not included in the provisional application.

Applicants do not represent that any reference cited is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

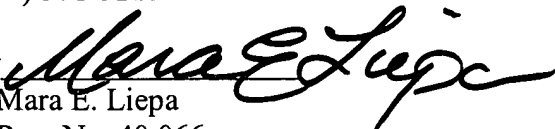
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 758.1248USC2	Application Number: 10/608,952
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/076,397, titled Air-Oil Separator With Conically Shaped Filter Element, filed February 28, 1998
		U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/078,193, titled Air/Oil Separator With Static Electricity Dissipation, filed March 16, 1998
		U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/087,425, titled Air/Oil Separator With Static Electricity Dissipation, filed June 1, 1998
		U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/088,749, titled Air/Oil Separator With Static Electricity Dissipation, filed June 10, 1998

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